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Cigarette ignites leaves, debris in air intake vent of campus building

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A fire evacuated Currell College late Tuesday afternoon.

The fire started when a smoldering cigarette went into an air intake vent on the exterior of the building, according to USC spokesman Wes Hickman.

Shortly after 4:15 p.m., smoke from the cigarette, which had lit some leaves and other debris inside the vent, started circulating through the air ducts in the building and into hallways and classrooms.

Several classes were interrupted by the smoke, and administrators quickly evacuated the building. Firefighters quickly responded; two trucks and at least nine firefighters were on the scene within 20 minutes of the fire.

Eric Sevigny, a criminal justice assistant professor, said he smelled the smoke but never heard an alarm. “I was in my office and I smelled smoke,” Sevigny said. “I came out and saw a student walking around with a fire extinguisher. I didn’t hear any alarm, though. Tell them they need to get an alarm system

in this thing.”

Sevigny did acknowledge that the fire department response was timely and that when he came out of the building, firefighters had already arrived.

Another criminal justice professor, Bob Kaminski, said he looked for a fire alarm to pull and couldn’t find one.

Kaminski said a similar fire occurred in Currell “probably four or five years ago.”

Samantha Munoz, a first-year elementary education student, and Jeanne Howe, a first-year undeclared student, said they were in a statistics class in the college’s auditorium when smoke began to fill the room.

“Someone said they smelled smoke coming out of the vents,” Munoz said. “It started coming in, and soon it covered the top of the room.”

Howe said the class didn’t really know what to do. “We didn’t know what was going on,” Howe said. “We all just got out; it was just so unexpected.”

They both said they heard no alarm.

Hickman said the fire was quickly extinguished and no damage was caused.

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Carolina Alert reserves texts for ‘immediate risk’

Clemson, College of Charleston alert students of campus closings

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If USC closes due to a weather emergency, USC students, faculty and staff do not receive text messages through the Carolina Alert Notification System.

However, College of Charleston and Clemson students and employees do receive text messages from their alert systems.

USC only uses the Carolina Alert text messages during situations that would also require the use of sirens, AlertFM or a TV message crawler system — emergencies that require action. Emergencies that require action include “situations that pose an immediate risk to safety,” according to Carolina Alert’s website. Examples of these emergencies include an “active shooter, chemical release and evacuation.”

Corporal Vinny Bocchino from USC’s Emergency Management department said a lot of input goes into the Carolina Alert System. Bocchino said USC’s emergency management team had a subcommittee that focused solely on communication issues to develop a plan, which determined that text message alerts are reserved for when lives are in immediate danger.

“The way we worked it down was that text messages would be reserved for only emergencies,” Bocchino said. “This is an emergency notification system — that’s what we want to stress.”

Mike Robertson, College of Charleston’s senior communications director, said his school’s alert system, Cougar Alert, is used to notify students of emergencies but is also used to notify campus closings.

Similar to USC, students and employees at College of Charleston can enter up to three emergency phone numbers for phone calls and text messages, and they can also receive emails and see updates on Facebook and Twitter.

However, unlike Carolina Alert, Cougar Alert

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Rail delays drive USC students to illegal actions

Blocked train crossings cause commuter frustration

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Locomotives on campus often make students a little loco.

The legion of trains that chug through USC’s campus each day is causing tardiness among students, and some are making illegal and dangerous decisions to avoid blocked crossings.

“If the trains are stopped, you can crawl through them,” said Dan Zordan, a fourth-year civil engineering student. “I see people do it all the time, especially right



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Large numbers of railway crossings in the downtown area are responsible for traffic and pedestrian delays, causing students to break the law by crawling under stopped trains in order to make it to classes and other obligations on time.

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Sustainable Carolina fund to introduce campus projects

Student Government partnership mirrors similar SEC proposals

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Sustainable Carolina and Student Government recently unveiled the Student Sustainability Fund, which will allow students and groups to submit proposals for sustainable projects.

These projects are intended to “support a

sustainable future, produce financial savings and reduce the campus environmental impact,” as stated in a press release from Sustainable Carolina.

The program is modeled after various others like it in the SEC and area universities. The University of Georgia, whose UGA Campus Sustainability Grants Program is one of the programs after which the Student Sustainability Fund is modeled, doled out \$13,000 in campus sustainability grants to four projects last spring. With nearly double the funds at \$25,000, Sustainable Carolina is looking to do the same.

“We’re trying to find projects that will showcase the benefits of this program,” said Sustainability Coordinator Malte Weiland.

The program was passed through SG last spring in a cooperative effort by Sustainable Carolina and SG officials, including former Student Body President Ebbie Yazdani.

“Along with students who were interested in the program, we worked with some senators in Student Government and the student body

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The Mix’s Tyler Simpson reviews the box office’s newest mixed martial arts action film.
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president to get it passed,” Weiland said. “We looked at examples from other schools in the SEC and the region, and came up with a proposal for Student Government.”

Now run by a committee of 14 students and five faculty members, the Student Sustainability Fund is in the process of accepting and reviewing proposals.

“We’re looking to give funding to sustainability projects that usually otherwise wouldn’t get funded, especially energy efficiency projects,” Weiland said. “These types of projects are usually just outside of the budgets of departments that would request them. We’re really looking to fund projects that are beneficial from every perspective.”

“We really want to fund projects that will better the campus. We want to inspire student leadership and creativity,” said SG Secretary of Environmental Affairs and Sustainable Carolina undergraduate

intern Chelsea Hoggle. “We’re really looking for any way to benefit campus as a whole.”

While \$25,000 in a seed fund has been afforded to the fund, an optional student fee will be added to student activities fees in the future, from which “every \$2 of \$5 will go back to research programs,” according to Weiland, who is confident that the optional fee will sustain the program.

“We hope and suspect that a lot of students will be interested in contributing to and participating in the program,” he said.

For those involved, the outlook for the project is good.

“A lot of good is going to be done through this,” said Hoggle, a third-year management, marketing and insurance and risk management student on the Student Sustainability Fund committee.

Proposals can be submitted through Feb. 17.

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sends text messages to students, faculty and staff when the campus closes due to severe weather like snowstorms or hurricanes.

“We want to make sure people are informed,” Robertson said. “We don’t want to overdo it — obviously. We don’t want to scare people either.”

In addition to life-threatening emergencies, Clemson University, like College of Charleston, also notifies its students of situations where campus closes. “This system is also utilized, not only by public safety and the police department, but it is also used by media relations,” said Eric Hendricks, operations captain for the Clemson University’s police department.

He added that if classes are closed, the university will send text messages through CU Safe. Hendricks said since Fall 2011, Clemson has sent out five text message alerts. The first was to let the campus community know about seismic activity, two were tests from a nearby nuclear station and another was to alert the campus of an ongoing manhunt near the International Center of Automotive Research, which is near Clemson’s Greenville campus.

CU Safe Alert has

multiple outlets of communication in addition to text messages, including email, an RSS feed and campus sirens.

Hendricks said CU Safe Alert does not send out messages on lightning anymore because too many were being sent.

In past weather situations at USC, most recently the September flooding, students weren’t notified because the situation did not fall into the “requires action” category.

“Flooding is an instance where you see the risk ahead of you,” Bocchino said. “It’s not like all of a sudden a flood just happens. It’s a very observable incident. It’s kind of like a fire. You see the fire; if you choose to run into the building, that would be a mistake. Same thing with the flood — you see the flood ahead of you. If you choose to drive through it, that’s more of poor judgment.”

Hendricks commented on the use of the social media and text message systems because it’s the preferred choice of communication by students. “The students communicate by iPhone,” Hendricks said. “If you want to get anything out, it has to be some kind of social networking or by CU Safe Text.”

While students may be fluent with technology,

Bocchino noted that the population Carolina Alert aims to reach includes more than just students at the university.


“We’re not just dealing with students; we’re dealing with faculty and staff members, too,” Bocchino said. “Not everybody has unlimited text messages or have that feature, so we have to be a little judicious — not saying that will restrict us from sending them — but at the same time, this population of students are very technology savvy and for them, an extra text message a day is nothing. But we have a very larger, greater population that we’re dealing with.”

Bocchino urged those who want to receive text messages to follow the Twitter, Facebook and RSS feed and have the information sent to their phone.

“Basically, what we try to do is get a number of different items that can be redundant, meaning that if one fails, we have other options to choose from,” Bocchino said. “Every system has strengths and weaknesses, and so basically, when we are presented with some sort of incident, we get to choose which OK ones we want to use would be most effective.”

Between Feb. 7 and 10 Carolina Alert will be testing its system. Bocchino said Emergency Management will be receiving a random phone call sometime during those four days telling them to test the process in an emergency simulation.

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up there by Green’s (Beverages). It seems to stop there a lot, so I have crawled through it a bunch of times. I see other students do it, then there are others who are kind of freaked out.”

There are nearly 30 railroad crossings condensed within a 1-mile radius, woven among the university and nearby off-campus housing. And there are no laws enforcing the number of cars a locomotive can haul, nor the timely removal of trains at crossings.

Portia Rivers, first-year biology student, said trains have taken as long as 20 minutes to begin moving again. However, crossing tracks is considered

trespassing, and students can be arrested for doing so.

Robin Chapman, the director of public relations at Norfolk Southern Corporation since 1985, said the company tries to keep blocked crossings to a minimum but can not entirely prevent that from happening.

“We have a yard just southeast of your campus that is one of our main switching yards,” Chapman said. “Trains must stop there to decouple.”

Decoupling is the process of separating train cars to create open track space before crossings can clear efficiently. Chapman said the amount of trains that run in a day is

unpredictable and can average between 10 to 12 trains per day. This figure, he said, doesn’t include CSX or Amtrak.

“What affects speed are the operational requirements customers require of us,” Chapman said. “Freight trains don’t run on schedules. We run trains when they are ready to go.”

The three train companies, which are owned by both Norfolk and CSX, share the few tracks that run through Columbia. Amtrak runs two passenger trains daily in the early morning hours, and a spokeswoman at CSX said the company cannot give out any information due to heightened security

since Sept. 11.

Congested crossroads, especially on Assembly Street, exasperate drivers and pedestrians, luring them to ineffective routes — usually two-lane roads that also become jammed.

“I started coming up this way, going underneath the bridge at Whaley (Street) because I kept getting stopped, so I started hopping the train — everyone was hopping the train. But then, it became unsafe,” said Katherine Hagg, a second-year psychology student.

Finding detours is sometimes so vexing, students worry what would happen in an emergency situation

where they may need medical assistance if there is no way to bypass a train at a standstill. Chapman said it is up to the state to provide alternative route solutions.

According to Operation Lifesaver, a nonprofit group offering rail-safety education, a train hits a pedestrian or vehicle roughly every three hours in America. Therefore, students should be cautious — a reminder to students who traverse the center of the tracks, many of whom wear headphones and are deaf to the blast of a train horn.

“I’d like to emphasize the importance of safety around crossings for pedestrians,” Chapman

said. “Don’t go through stopped trains because sometimes they can move. We understand it is an inconvenience, but unfortunately nothing can be done, nothing anyone would want to pay for — overpasses, underpasses. It’s just too expensive of an undertaking.”

CSX said it offers a phone line to report blocked crossings and emergencies and will also schedule a free railroad safety workshop at the university. Operation Lifesaver’s website also offers extensive education on rail safety.

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USC officials must rethink Carolina Alert

In the past several years, students have been repeatedly asked to enter their cellphone numbers on VIP to receive text messages from the Carolina Alert Notification System. But, to date, inboxes on cellphones campuswide have remained empty as the Carolina Alert System has yet to notify students via text, despite numerous occasions when we’ve felt these notifications could have enhanced the safety of students on campus.

At this point, the text messaging component of Carolina Alert is reserved for only the most grave circumstances, such as an active shooter, a chemical attack or an evacuation on campus.

USC should not be hesitant to notify students of potential threats on campus. We feel that campus closures, such as the snowstorm that delayed the start of the spring semester last year, suspicious packages, serial criminal activity such as repeated vehicle break-ins and other campuswide threats are worthy of a text message through the Carolina Alert System. Simply put, if it affects the entire campus, send a text letting students know what is going on.

Worse, interstate rivals Clemson and College of Charleston have similar text message systems with guidelines that align more with our proposed usage than the administration’s current stance.

Unfortunately, Americans have seen Washington’s political gridlock hit a critical point, where nobody wants to do anything or vote on any bill deemed too controversial for the sake of ensuring re-election. It’s a sad time, and unfortunately, President Barack Obama played right into the typical political game he vowed he wasn’t a part of during his first election.

Sure, the economy, energy, education and jobs are all certainly topics and issues that are dire in America, but phrasing them and putting it into election terms is just a low blow to the government and spirit of democracy. Far too often we’re seeing the line between election and governance blurred to the point of irreparable despair.

Not to mention, shouting out major swing states such as North Carolina and Michigan only further lays the



Hypocrisy of political system prevalent

Campaigning, leading intertwined in speech

The Obama 2012 campaign officially kicked off last night, and all of the senators and representatives were invited to attend the party on Capitol Hill. The occasion was, of course, the State of the Union address the president gives on an annual basis.



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Fourth-year finance student

Although, more recently than in the past, the State of the Union ahead of a presidential bid to re-election stands as nothing more than a combination of party lines and an elongated stump speech. It’s neither a Republican or Democratic strategic move; it’s both.

Americans should be upset with this — not because of what Obama waited to do, but rather, at the system practically begging him to wait so it could capitalize on it in his stump speech. Why couldn’t this executive order to speed construction projects happen months ago, when someone in the West Wing likely came up with the idea of putting it in the speech?

The ever-growing time period known as the election cycle has failed Americans. Too many politicians neglect to tackle the big issues right away in order to save them for some superhero-like gesture later on, when it’s politically beneficial.

Again, both Republicans and Democrats play this game all the time — even former presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton. But that doesn’t make it right, and for Obama, the candidate who disowned traditional “inside the Beltway” posturing, suddenly finds himself playing the same game just like the rest of them.

Letter to the editor: Circus animal dispute

In response to Janice Aria’s letter, I am greatly disturbed by her defense of the circus’s treatment of its animals. Animal activist groups protesting the circus were not distributing “false and inaccurate information,” as she puts it.

They were bringing awareness of the \$270,000 fine the U.S. Department of Agriculture just charged “The Greatest Show on Earth” for violations of the Animal Welfare Act. The fine is the largest in the history of the act, signed into law in 1966.

The USDA fined Ringling Bros. that amount for continually forcing sick elephants to perform, using the same wheelbarrows to feed tigers as well as haul away their waste and for using rusted cages with splintered floors to contain big cats. Investigators also found instances where elephants’ faces were cut open by sharp edges found inside their transport trailers.

Also, Aria claims the animals are “accustomed to the training methods ... used at Ringling Bros.,” but I doubt that any animal could ever become accustomed to being struck repeatedly with a bullhook, a tool equivalent to a fireplace poker with a hook at one end.

Kenneth Feld, the CEO of Feld Entertainment (the parent company of Ringling Bros.), acknowledged the use of bullhooks by the circus’s elephant trainers as a way to force compliance.

Janice Aria has made a lot of false claims and has been very disingenuous in her letter, and I encourage everyone to do some research on their own to discover what really goes on behind the scenes of the circus.

There are numerous reports and undercover videos on the Internet that show that Aria is not being truthful in saying that “caring for our animals is a top priority.” Money is.

—Nathan Barna, third-year music education student

Student drivers need increased awareness

Recklessness, drunk driving contributing factors to increased number of deaths

Recently, the number of vehicle fatalities in South Carolina has been increasing. There have been 47 deaths this month, as of Jan. 22. As a result of the many deaths occurring on our South Carolina roadways, the residents of this state should be fearful when driving. Last week, four people, two of them USC students, died in a tragic car accident that occurred in the early morning on George Rogers Boulevard. Law enforcement is currently looking into more patrol on our roadways, but that will only partly fix the situation.

Adding more patrol to the roadways will not prevent drivers from making irresponsible decisions. As student drivers, we need to be more cautious when driving throughout South Carolina. The most common causes of these fatalities are lack of seat belts, speeding and driving under the influence, all of which many college students do on

a daily basis.

We need to be taking as many safety precautions as possible. USC is located in downtown Columbia between two hearts of nightlife, the Vista and Five Points, and therefore the chances of encountering drivers under the influence is naturally higher.

Following the speed limit and wearing seat belts are the easiest precautions to take while driving. Speeding, especially downtown, should be a “no-no.” The speed limit down Assembly Street into the Vista is 35 miles per hour, and the speed limit on Gervais Street toward Five Points is 35 mph as well. Downtown is full of nightlife and often attracts traffic, whether it is on a weekend or due to an event held downtown. Thus, speed limits are lower in this area than in rural areas, and it is a necessity that drivers in these areas adhere to these speed limits.

It should not have to be reiterated to adults the

importance of seat belts, yet lack of seat belts is listed as one of the main causes of vehicle fatalities.

Last, the issue that college students have a harder time adhering to is not drinking and driving. Leaving parties and sporting events under the influence is an easy way to end up with a drinking ticket or worse. There are many alternatives to drinking and driving such as cabs and shuttles. Some of the off-campus housing facilities have special shuttles that take residents back and forth from Five Points. There are also designated driver services that are being used now as well.

Students need to take responsibility when driving to prevent South Carolina citizens from dying on the road. Law enforcement can do only so much. The first change needs to start with the drivers and the precautions they take.

Our duties as college students are to take these safety provisions seriously and do our best to obey to them. If students do not change their driving habits, the vehicle fatality rate will only continue to increase.

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Do’s and Don’ts: College job woes

Tips for students to secure part-time positions in town, from timeliness to style

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Last semester, The Daily Gamecock brought you a complete list of some of the most important do’s and don’ts when it comes to throwing a successful party. But now that the holiday shopping season has officially come to an end, many students are heading back to work or are on the hunt for a part-time job to make a little extra cash. Whether you’ve maintained a perfect work record or been fired more times than Larry King’s been married, take heed to some of the workplace’s biggest formalities and faux pas.

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DO Be on Time

We all have that one friend we tell to arrive 15 minutes before everyone else so her or she doesn’t rush in 15 minutes late. While this may be OK for grabbing a burrito at Moe’s, it’s never OK to be late to work. Some bosses care more than others, but eventually your tardiness could cost you a write-up or worse, your job. If something happens where you need a few extra minutes, call in and let them know what’s up. And if you have a problem with time management, set your clock ahead 15 minutes. Or, have a roommate play Rebecca Black’s “Friday” on repeat until you’re out the door.

DO Keep an Eye on Your Facebook

These days, more and more employers are using social media as background checks for potential employees. And if every photo of you shows you taking body shots off your best friend or cheechin’ it with Miley Cyrus, you may have lost your job before you ever got the opportunity.

DO Stay Positive

Work is not always fun, and there are certainly going to be days when you’d rather lay down on a bed of nails before dragging tail to your part-time job. The best way to combat the workday blues? Think about your paycheck. How many Jimmy John’s sandwiches or electric lemonade pitchers will this buy you in Five Points? Exactly. After all, many of us get jobs to pay the bills and have a little extra to spend on the side. And if you maintain a good attitude, it will be that much easier (and that much quicker) to get to that big payday.

DO Dress for Your Job

Different workplaces require different attire. With that being said, booty shorts don’t belong in the boardroom any more

than a bow tie works behind the counter at Arby’s. No matter what your environment, always wear what’s appropriate while still keeping your comfort in mind — unless you’re a sword swallower or you juggle flames. Then you’re on your own.

DON’T Show Up Hungover

It’s punishment enough that you have to get up early to be on the clock by 8 a.m. Don’t make it worse by tacking on a throbbing headache and the sweats. If you’ve already experienced this, there’s really no need for further explanation.

DON’T Turn Your Job into a Personal Dating Service

Sure, the workplace is a great place to meet people. And yes, when you work closely with the same person multiple times a week, it’s easy to transition from co-worker to crush (and to stalker in some extreme cases). Should you decide to pursue a relationship, try to keep things in check and prevent anything from becoming awkward for you and your other co-workers. There is nothing more uncomfortable than trying to avoid looking at someone when they’re two feet away — especially when it’s more than one person.

DON’T Tamper with the Food

So you’re dealing with an unruly customer who constantly changes his or her order, barks at you for more water and keeps asking for silverware that isn’t “streaky.” Right. And because you’ve seen “Waiting,” your initial response is to go Dane Cook on that hamburger before serving it with a smile. Instead, keep your cool (and your spit) before making a mistake that you’ll probably regret in the future. Think about how appetizing a booger burger would be if you were about to take the first bite.

DON’T Gossip

Did you hear what Derek said to Alicia last Friday? Of course you did, because if there’s one thing people love to do when things are slow at work, it’s gossip. But this can be dangerous, especially if it gets back to your boss that everyone’s talking about his new hairpiece. You don’t want your job to turn into a living hell just because of the “he said, she said” game. Try to keep the chirping to a minimum, if you must do it at all. If anything, try not to get caught.

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‘Where’s the Band’ comes to Columbia

Frontmen from Bayside, Saves the Day play New Brookland Tavern tonight

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New Brookland Tavern in West Columbia will be playing host to some of alternative music’s most applauded frontmen tonight in the “Where’s the Band 2012” concert.

Matt Pryor from The Get Up Kids and The New Amsterdams, Anthony Raneri from Bayside and Chris Conley from Saves the Day, among others, will be performing acoustic renditions of songs from their respective bands.

The Get Up Kids got their start in 1995 and are still a behemoth in the punk rock scene. The band has been listed as an influence for numerous other bands, most notably including pop-punk legend blink-182. Pryor and the The Get Up Kids’ most recent release and fifth studio album, “There Are Rules,” was released exactly one year ago. Like the four-song EP “Simple Science” that was released in April of 2010, it includes the song “Keith Case,” one of the first new songs the band performed after the members reunited in 2008, following a three-year hiatus. The Get Up Kids are returning from their 2011 world tour.

Bayside is another huge player in the alternative rock genre, and vocalist Raneri will be playing songs from the band’s six albums, the most recent of which, “Killing Time,” was released in early 2011. The band received widespread critical acclaim for “Killing Time,” and the members regard it as the band’s masterpiece. A little more than a week ago, Raneri released his solo EP “New Cathedrals” on iTunes.

Saves the Day, formed in 1994, is the oldest band represented in the “Where’s the Band” tour, retaining only frontman Chris Conley from its original lineup. The band has released seven studio albums and co-headlined a 2011 summer tour with The Get Up Kids. The band’s latest album “Daybreak” was released in September of last year, and in December, Saves the Day announced that an eighth release was in the works.

Acce Enders of The Early November and Evan Weiss of Into It. Over It., will be opening the show tonight. The Early November is best-known for its triple-disc album “The Mother, The Mechanic, and the Path,” which included the popular single “Hair.” Into It. Over It’s first formal release was in 2009, and the relatively young band most recently released its “Proper” LP.

The show starts at 6:30 p.m. and tickets are \$15.

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‘Haywire’ flashes back to Soderbergh films

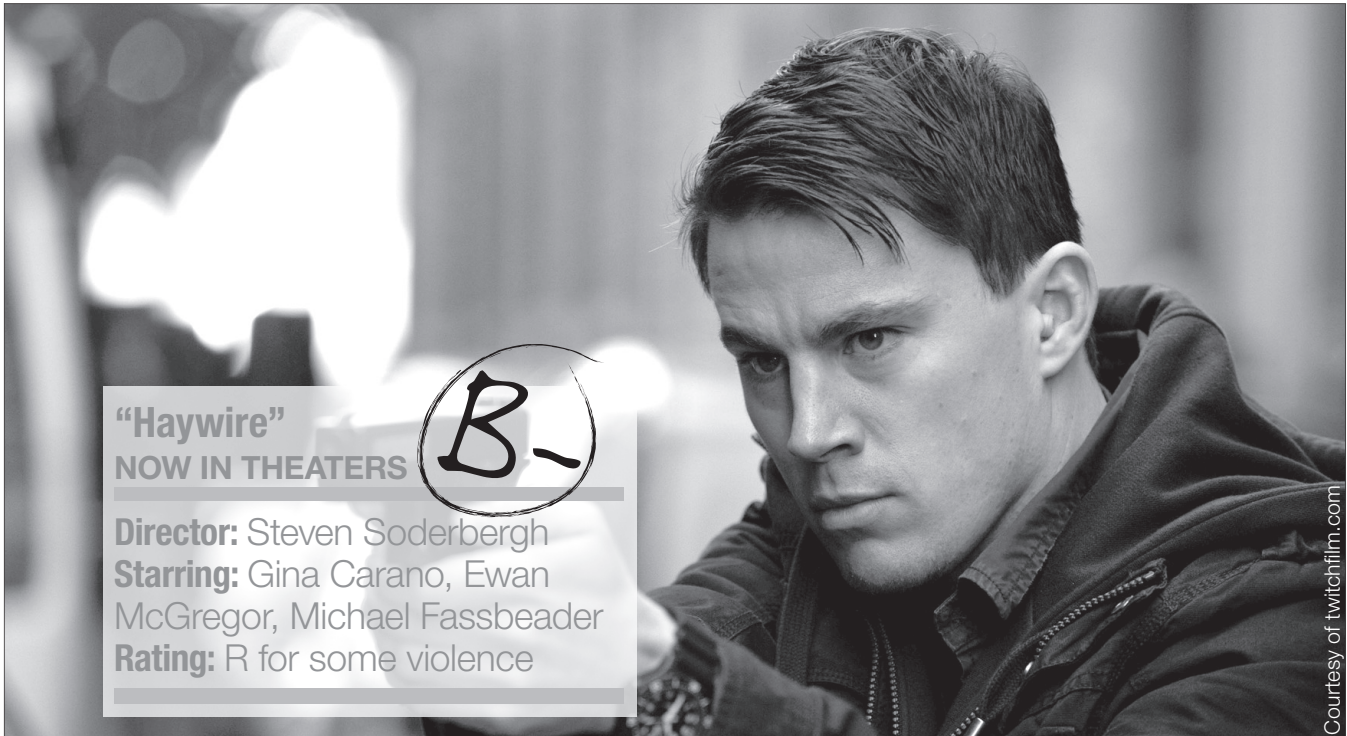
Martial arts, action flick shows director’s signature style

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As many people know, January is the worst month for movies.

For instance, 2011 brought us “Season of the Witch.” (Remember how bad that was? No. Good.) This year, we’ve already had “The Devil Inside,” which is definitely a strong, early contender for the next year’s Golden Raspberry awards. However, each January has at least one more-than-decent film.

This year, that movie is “Haywire,” an action film directed by Steven Soderbergh (“Ocean’s Eleven,” “Contagion”). “Haywire” can best be described as a typical Soderbergh film, featuring his



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style of cinematography, a larger-than-average cast and a couple of good thrills.

Most of the story is told in flashback. Mixed martial artist Gina Carano, in her debut lead role, plays Mallory Kane, a black ops agent working for a private contractor. While working a job in Dublin, Ireland, Mallory becomes the target of an attempted setup by her superiors, framing her for a murder she didn't commit. From this moment on, the story remains pretty straightforward as Mallory hunts down the people who have betrayed her.

As usual, Soderbergh works with a large cast, and he surrounds Carano with a supporting cast of recognizable male names. There's Ewan McGregor ("Star Wars" prequel trilogy, "Big Fish") as Mallory's ex-boyfriend and boss. Michael Fassbender ("X-Men: First Class") is the agent who attempts to frame Mallory and kill her. Channing Tatum ("G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra") plays Mallory's fellow agent with whom she has a fling during a mission in Barcelona. Other names include Michael Douglas, Antonio Banderas and Bill Paxton.

Probably the most interesting aspect of this film is the cinematography. Soderbergh usually acts as the cinematographer for his films, and he doesn't rely on quick cuts that normally ruin the excitement within most action films.

Instead, the action occurs during long- and medium-ranging shots. This artful style allows Carano to demonstrate her arsenal of acrobatic fighting skills without the audiences becoming confused about what is going on, a problem that quick cuts normally cause.

Even though this camera style is a major positive in the film, some questions still arise about Soderbergh's mixture of shot selections. There are shots in black and white, filtered with desaturated colors, over-the-shoulder shots and some shaky scenes with handheld cameras. Some of these cinematography choices seem to be without rhyme or reason, but others serve a more apparent purpose.

One scene, for instance, depicts Mallory walking down the street to elude a failed attempt on her life. The camera is placed in front as she is walking, and we see what goes on behind her. This choice of shot helps raise the tension of the current situation while the audience sees a man follow Mallory and a car pull out from a parking spot as she passes it.

Are these people who are intentionally spying on Mallory, or is it just a sense of sheer paranoia?

Carano's role as the badass female agent isn't very demanding in terms of dialogue, especially since her lines consist mostly of one-liners. What her role does demand is to look sexy and act tough, two traits she definitely pulls off. But whether or not Carano can actually act will remain a mystery until we see her in a more emotionally demanding role.

While other women like Angelina Jolie and Milla Jovovich have pulled off the hard-core action heroine in the past, not many have brought such bone-crushing physicality as Carano has in this film. The action in this film is long and very brutal, with characters taking superhuman beatings. We're talking hot coffee thrown in the face, head smashes against hard surfaces, constant kicks — and Carano throws in an arm bar or two.

While there are some holes in the story, "Haywire" still manages to entertain with its action and great camera work, despite it not being Soderbergh's best.



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How to Play
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Solution for 01/24/12

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37 Was charming?
38 Makes an effort
39 Flushing Meadows stadium
40 Medevac conveniences
44 Origami mishaps
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49 Automatic-door feature
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61 Words of praise
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43 File menu command
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Friday, January 27

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Tuesday, January 31

Freshman Council will be hosting the USC Student Major Fair from 7pm to 9pm in the Capstone Campus Room

All paperwork for reimbursements for sponsored Fall 2011 events is due by 4:00pm in person to Alison Toney in the Campus Life Center

Monday, February 6

Organizations requesting funding for July 1 - Dec. 31, 2012 must submit online request by 4pm

Thursday, February 9

Student Government will hold its annual executive officer debate on Greene Street at 12pm

Friday, February 10

Final deadline to apply for funding from the New Initiative Fund

Wednesday, February 15

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SEC Power Rankings

Compiled by the Sports staff



1 Kentucky
18-2 7-0

Ranked No. 6 in the country and leading the SEC, the Wildcats have an unbelievable ability to cause turnovers, forcing opponents to lose the ball at least 20 times in all but three games this season. Freshman Bria Goss and junior A'dia Mathies are big players for the Wildcats, with Goss scoring an average of 11.7 points per game and leading Kentucky to victories over Florida and then-No. 15 Georgia. Mathies leads the team in scoring at 15.3 points per game. The Wildcats will travel to Auburn Thursday.



3 Georgia
16-4 5-2

After only dropping two games in conference play, the Bulldogs find themselves ranked No. 14. Having only lost to the top two teams in the conference, UGA will have another test as it travels to Vanderbilt in its second straight road game. Georgia is led by Khaalidah Miller, with 13.3 points per game.



5 South Carolina
15-5 4-3

After losing three straight SEC games, the Gamecocks bounced back with an overtime win at the home of then-No. 22 Vanderbilt. USC has been boosted by the production off the bench with freshman Aleighsa Welch, who is averaging 9.1 points per game. With a veteran lineup led by senior Markeshia Grant, the Gamecocks look to continue their momentum against Ole Miss on Thursday.



2 Tennessee
14-5 5-1

The Tennessee Volunteers are in an unfamiliar position: somewhere other than first place in the SEC. Under the legendary Pat Summit, the Lady Vols are still a formidable team, with a record of 14-5 (5-1 in the SEC). Three of those losses have come against top-five teams, the most recent of those being a 72-44 loss at the hands of second-ranked Notre Dame. Tennessee travels to play at Alabama Thursday night.



4 LSU
13-6 4-3

After winning 10 games in a row, including its first four in conference, LSU has lost its last three SEC contests against Florida, Tennessee and Arkansas. Led in scoring by senior leader LaSondra Barrett, posting 11.7 points per game, the Lady Tigers will need to improve on their 5-4 road record. Coach Nikki Caldwell takes her team to Nashville Sunday in search of a bounce-back win.



Arkansas
14-5 3-4

Arkansas is led by junior Sarah Watkins, who was recently named SEC Player of the Week after leading the Razorbacks to wins over Vanderbilt and LSU. Watkins also leads the league in blocks during conference play thus far. Coach Tom Collen's squad has been hard to figure out this year, following up an 11-game winning streak out of conference, with four straight SEC losses. The Razorbacks take on Mississippi State Thursday night.

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Wednesday, January 25 @ 4 pm

Men's Basketball vs. Alabama
Wednesday, January 25 @ 8 pm

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Wednesday, January 25

Women's Basketball vs. Ole Miss
Thursday, January 26 @ 7 pm

Men's Tennis vs. Elon
Friday, January 27 @ 10am

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Swimming & Diving vs. Vanderbilt (W) & East Carolina
Friday, January 27 @ 5 pm

Swimming & Diving vs. Vanderbilt (W) & East Carolina
Saturday, January 28 @ 10 am

Men's Tennis vs. Georgia State
Sunday, January 29 @ 10 am

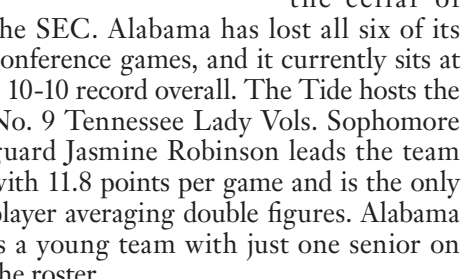
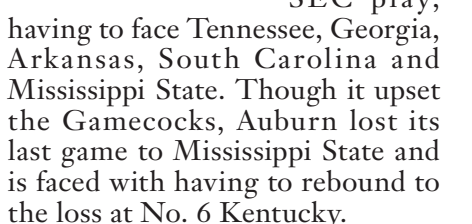
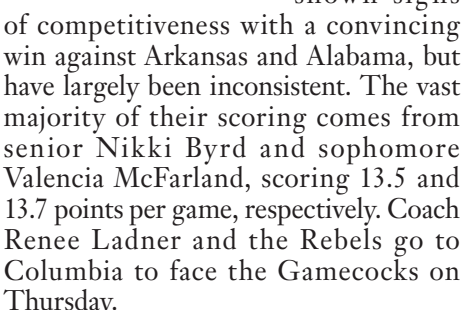
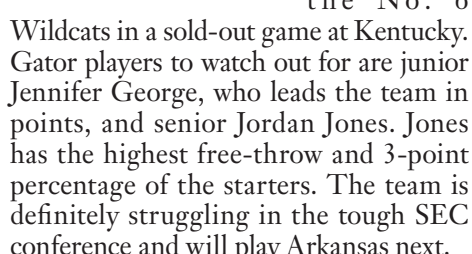
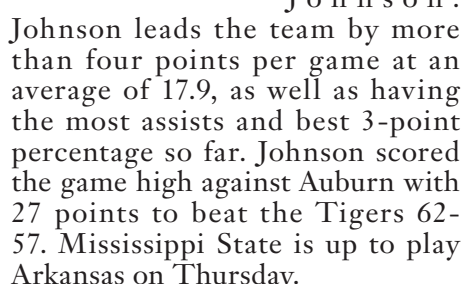
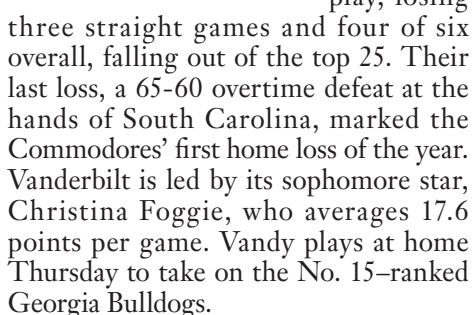
Equestrian vs. Oklahoma State
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Women's Basketball vs. Miss. State
Sunday, January 29 @ 2 pm

Men's Tennis vs. Davidson
Sunday, January 29 @ 4 pm

Men's Basketball vs. Kentucky
Saturday, February 4 @ 6 pm





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Tuesday, January 31, 2012	3:00 PM	RHUU 322/326
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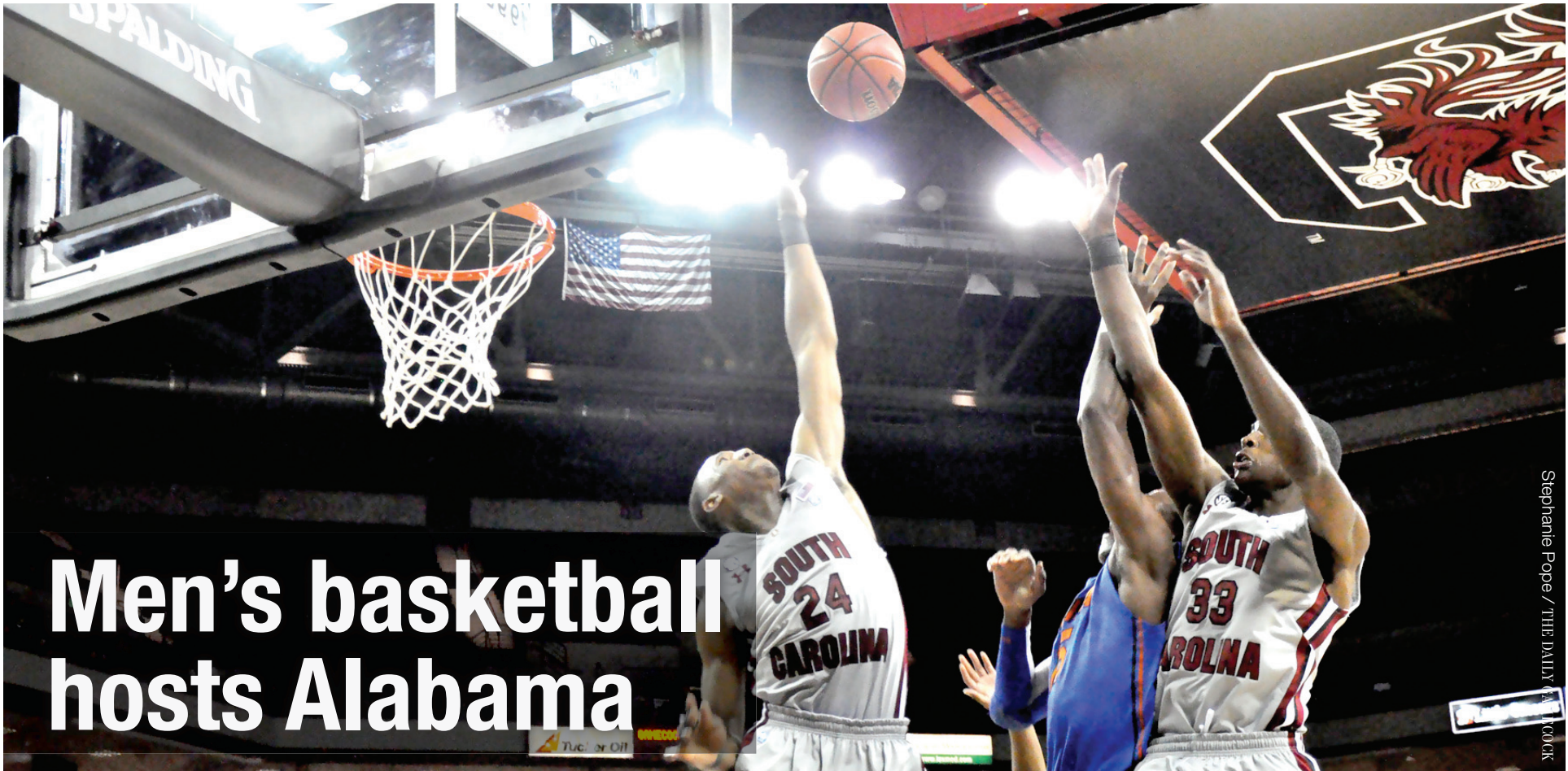
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Gamecocks look to avoid falling to 0-5 in SEC play

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USC coach Darrin Horn isn't a fan of must-win games in the middle of the season, but after dropping four straight SEC games, he's changed his tune.

"Do we need one? Absolutely. We need a win at some point," Horn said. "Our guys, to their credit, have continued to come back and have a good attitude and work really hard. They've come out and started games well and do a lot of the areas well that we needed them to, but we've got to put the whole together and just understand that's just how it is."

As USC (8-10, 0-4 SEC) prepares to host Alabama (13-6, 2-3) tonight, the Gamecocks hope to erase the stain of the past two losses against Florida and Auburn, respectively, where USC held a halftime lead but entered a lull to start the second half. Against Florida, the Gators got on an 18-3 run after halftime, putting the Gamecocks in a hole they couldn't climb out of. At Auburn, the Gamecocks took a four-point lead going into halftime, but trailed by

10 with 10 minutes left in the game. After having lulls at the start of the second half in two straight games, USC has focused on preventing it in practice.

"We just kind of took a couple minutes off and worked, and then came back and worked on that lull and played the first four minutes," Cooke said. "I think we got a lot out of it. We played really hard in it. We kind of got that second burst that we needed."

How does USC prevent the scoring drought it's experienced after halftime in the past two games?

"Just coming out firing and just staying focused and trying to get stops," said forward Damontre Harris. "Whenever we get stops, that's when our offense kind of flows. I think we've just got to defend, and everything else will fall in place."

USC will be facing the No. 1 defense in the SEC against Alabama. In the loss to the Tigers, USC had 23 turnovers, which Horn said was the key to the loss.

"Not only was that an area that we had gotten better at, but taking care of the basketball had not been a concern," Horn said. "We played, statistically, two of the top defensive teams in our league in Vanderbilt and Kentucky, and we had taken care of the ball pretty well in both games. Our averages were

good, and we had eliminated those transition turnovers, for the most part. To do that in situations where it really hurts you, absolutely; it's frustrating. I'd be lying to say that it isn't, because we had a lot of other areas that we did really well. But if you turn the ball over 23 times in a game, you've got to do some other stuff, like, amazingly well to win the game. That's true in every sport." For Cooke, it's about recognizing the root of turnover and focusing on correcting it in practice.

"It's just something we have to work on every day and get better at," Cooke said. "We just have to be aware of it. We can't have that many turnovers, and can't expect to win a game."

Especially against a defense like Alabama's, USC will look to keep it simple.

"We've got to find a way to get some easy ones, whether that's in transition or on the offensive glass — getting the ball inside and having some guys finish around the basket," Horn said. "Alabama is extremely effective when their defense is set in the half court. They're very big and physical, so in some way, we've got to find a way to get some baskets that are ones where you're not going against their set defense all the time."

While the Gamecocks have been able to fall back on the youth of the team as a reason for inconsistency from one half to the next, Harris no longer sees it as an excuse.

"We're no longer a young team because everyone's played enough games to kind of realize what's kind of coming ahead of them," Harris said. "I feel like we just need to mature a little bit better to do what we can do to win basketball games."

With the maturity over the course of the season, the Gamecocks have also learned how to respond to the losses.

"I think the confidence level is still pretty high," Harris said. "We understand that we lost four games straight, but that makes us want to work even harder to get a win. So I think we just need to stay focused and do the things we've been doing."

And while the confidence level is up, the frustration level isn't down. Although, Horn has praised the team for coming to practice with good attitudes despite the losses.

"It's pretty frustrating for the simple fact that we're on a losing streak right now," Harris said. "Like coach said, we need to keep our head up, continue to play hard and compete. It'll come around."

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Women's tennis hopes to break in new facility with win

Gamecocks open season against Furman Palladins

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As the South Carolina women's tennis team prepares to kick off the new season, much of the excitement surrounds breaking in the new stadium in the athletics village.

"Obviously, it's a fabulous facility," said coach Arlo Elkins. "Just look around. The whole athletic village is going to be something to behold. I've been here 29 years, and I think I've waited long enough for this facility, so we're really looking forward to getting our first match in here."

Junior Jaklin Alawi, ranked No. 33 in the country after an exceptional 7-2 fall season of tournament play, noted that the new stadium has provided extra motivation.

"It's an amazing feeling every time I come to practice," Alawi said. "I'm so excited about it. I feel like I have to give 100 percent. It's really nice."

The Gamecocks square off against Furman at 3:30 p.m. today, looking to start the season off with a win. Dijana Stojic expressed confidence about their opposition.

"I mean, obviously we've never lost to them," Stojic said. "We'll see tomorrow, but we're ready."

Stojic, a senior from Croatia ranked 80th in the nation,

also spoke to the benefits of tournament play from last semester. "The fall was [a] really good test for us. I think we're set up good for tomorrow and for the rest of the season."

The Gamecock women are ranked No. 28 in country and are riding a streak of 17 consecutive appearances in the NCAA tournament. There doesn't seem to be any extra pressure to keep that streak alive, though.

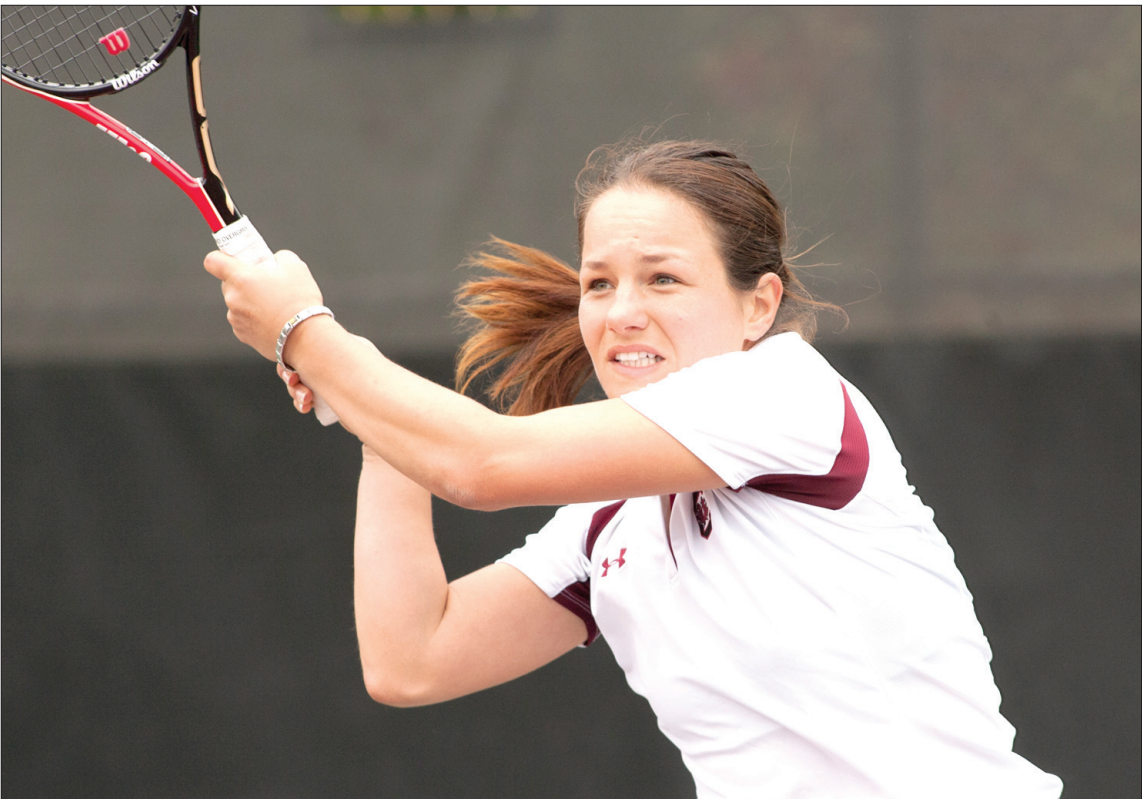
"It's not pressure; it's a competitive feeling," Elkins said. "We feel the competitive spirit to get there. We're gonna put our best foot forward and hopefully get there 18 straight years."

Alawi, a transfer student from Bulgaria, wasn't concerned about the streak either.

"We've been there 17 times in a row. We can do it as long as we keep working hard and stay on the same page," Alawi said.

Elkins also spoke about the depth of talent of this years roster saying, "I can't remember, boy, in a long time, we've had three girls ranked in the top nationally. I think that's a testament to how hard they've worked and where their game is at this time. Anya Morgina's ranked 20th in the country, and we haven't had many players ranked higher than that."

In regards to Stojic, Elkins said, "She's just a tough out. She's been a big part of this team ever since she's been here, and hopefully she'll finish



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Dijana Stojic feels confident about the season opener, as the Gamecocks have never lost to Furman.

strong this year."

However, such talent brings high expectations.

"We expect some big things from them, and we just hope they can carry through their expectations," Elkins said.

Alawi was candid about both self-expectations, and those for the team.

"I had a pretty good fall season, so I have pretty good confidence now," Alawi said. "I expect very high things from me and the girls. But I don't want to put any extra pressure, so I'll take it match by match

and we'll see what happens."

It's never a surprise to hear about chemistry and team cohesiveness as a point of emphasis, but this year's squad seems particularly close, despite its international flavor. In fact, seven countries are represented by only nine players.

When asked about language being a barrier for building unity with teammates, Alawi laughed.

"We have pretty good chemistry," Alawi said. "We try to keep it in English."

Elkins summed up the team and its potential best.

"The chemistry on the team is very good," Elkins said. "That's what really makes teams. You can win a lot more matches with a team that has good chemistry than you can with a team with just talent. This team has both. If we can continue to improve and stay on the same page, I think we'll do really well this year."

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